DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, ED.

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: States wishing to receive funding under the State Independent Living Services and Centers for Independent Living programs must submit an approvable three-year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) to the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The purpose of these programs is to promote the independent living philosophy - based on consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access and individual and systems advocacy - to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence and productivity of individuals with significant disabilities and to promote and maximize the integration and full inclusion of individuals with significant disabilities into the mainstream of American society. The SPIL encompasses the activities planned by the State to achieve its specified independent living objectives and reflects the State's commitment to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements during the three years covered by the plan.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to <a href="ICDocketMgr@ed.gov">ICDocketMgr@ed.gov</a> or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <a href="http://edicsweb.ed.gov">http://edicsweb.ed.gov</a>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04919. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to <a href="ICDocketMgr@ed.gov">ICDocketMgr@ed.gov</a> or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the

information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

<u>Title of Collection</u>: State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

OMB Control Number: 1820-0527

Type of Review: Extension

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 56

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,360

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